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# Declaration and Power of Attorney

As the below named inventors and petitioners in the foregoing petition, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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and the specification which (check one)

☐ is attached hereto.

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and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We hereby claim the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any patent application(s), patents or inventor's certificates listed below or as provided in 35 U.S.C. § 363, for all inventions disclosed in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112. We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the priority application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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